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In re application of : Yong Hua Zhu, et al.
App. No. : 09/921,158
Filed : August 1, 2001
For : METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
CLOSING VASCULAR PUNCTURE
USING HEMOSTATIC MATERIAL
Examiner : P.A. Roberts
Art Unit : 3731

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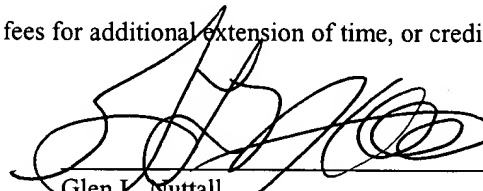
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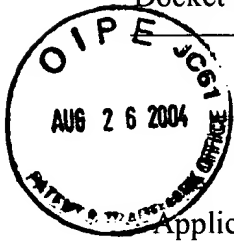
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Dear Sir:

Enclosed is form PTO-1449 listing 10 references that are also enclosed.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c)(2) before the mailing date of a final action and before the mailing of a Notice of Allowance. This Statement is accompanied by the fees set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p). The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required or to credit any overpayment to Account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

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	1	5,423,814	06/13/95	Zhu et al.			
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	6	6,524,326 B1	02/25/03	Zhu et al.			
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